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LABOR UNIONS

Teamsters Union Becomes Rampant.

CREATES A WILD PANIC

Men Brutally Injured, Property Destroyed by Strikers in Chicago.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED

Mayor Dunne Announced That He Had Practically Given Up Bringing the Union Teamsters and the Employers to Peace Settlement of Strike.

Chicago, April 17.—After a conference held this afternoon with the representatives of the union teamsters, Mayor Dunne announced that he had practically given up the hope of settling the Montgomery & Ward Company strike.

"I will hold another conference tomorrow," said the mayor, "with representatives of both sides, but I have no idea anything will result from the meetings."

Numerous disturbances occurred in the street during the day and other disturbances occurred around the freight houses. Several non-union men were followed by strike sympathizers and badly beaten, one of them so badly that he will probably die.

The most serious disturbance of the day occurred late in the afternoon at the intersection of State and Madison avenue. A mob numbering 2000 people gathered about a State street cable car on which were riding two colored men who had driven wagons to Montgomery & Ward's store.

Stones and sticks were hurled at the car and in the twinkling of an eye the windows in the car were smashed. Two policemen, in order to protect the colored men, placed them under arrest. A riot call was sent to the central station and it required 20 officers who responded and it required 30 minutes to drive the crowds again and open the street for traffic.

FAVOR NATIONAL BANKS.

Important Decision Handed Down by Supreme Court.

Washington, April 17.—The supreme court of the United States today affirmed the decision of the United States circuit court for the district of Kentucky in the case of the city of Covington vs. the National bank of Covington, holding invalid the Kentucky laws requiring national banks of that state to make a return of all of their shares for taxation purposes. The opinion is based upon the ground of discrimination against national banks.

JUMPED FROM A TRAIN.

Man Jumps from Great Northern Train and Breaks His Neck.

Seattle, April 17.—Emil and Oscar Trapp, twin brothers, who were on their way to this city, leaped from the window of the day coach on the Great Northern railroad overland train to-night within four miles of Seattle. Emil's neck was broken and he died instantly. Oscar sustained serious injuries, but will live.

The man still living stated that he and his brother had decided to kill themselves and the first method that presented itself was jumping through the car window. Both men had considerable money.

ROAD IS ASSURED.

Nez Perces Electric Road to Grangeville to Be Built.

Nez Perces, Idaho, April 17.—A meeting was held today in the interests of the electric road from Lewiston to Nez Perces and Grangeville at which \$56,000 was subscribed.

It is believed that the entire upper country will support the road with

large subscriptions and work among the land owners will commence at once. One hundred and seventy-one thousand dollars out of the \$200,000 has been secured.

BRIGGS IS ACQUITTED.

Commander of Cruiser Baltimore is Exonerated.

Manila, April 17.—Commander John B. Briggs, U. S. N., has been acquitted of the charges preferred against him, by the naval courtmartial which tried him here.

Commander Briggs was in command of the cruiser Baltimore when that vessel grounded in the straits of Malacca, about six months ago, and it is presumed that the charges preferred against him were in connection with that affair.

ROJESTVENSKY'S FLEET.

War Correspondent Imagines That He Sees Something.

Paris, April 17.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Echo de Paris states that Rojstvensky's fleet, with a portion of the squadron, was sighted off Hong Kong, sailing northeast. This is not confirmed from other sources.

Municipal Ownership.

New York, April 17.—The municipal council has decided to buy out the company which has charge of gas illumination and to take the department under the direct control of ownership in the city, says a Word dispatch from Venice. The same movement is now on foot in other Italian cities.

Another Exposition.

Paris April 17.—The chamber of deputies today passed a bill providing for a workmen's exposition, to take place in 1909.

ARRAIGN HERMANN

Congressman Files Demurrer and Plea in Abatement.

THE MITCHELL INDICTMENTS

Attorney Heney Files Counter Affidavits in Mitchell and Williamson Cases in Which He Claims He is Not Prejudiced and Jurors Qualify.

Portland, April 17.—Congressman Binger Herman was arraigned today upon indictments charging him with conspiracy to defraud the government out of public lands. Herman filed demurrers and pleas in abatement to the indictments.

United States District Attorney Heney today filed three affidavits defending the legality of the indictments against Mitchell, Williamson and Hermann. An affidavit from George Gustafson, the juror whom it was alleged was disqualified to sit on the grand jury by reason of not being a citizen was filed and two by District Attorney Heney himself declaring that he was duly appointed deputy district attorney and that he was not prejudiced, as has been alleged in the pleas in abatement.

The defense objected to Heney's methods and the point was being argued when the court adjourned. Ex-District Attorney Hall, Deputy District Attorney Edwin Maya, Earl Benson, W. N. Jones and Thadus Potter were arraigned today and entered a plea of not guilty and also pleas in abatement.

GREAT BEAUTY DEAD.

Miss Mattie Bell Quarrier Dies at Her Home in New York.

New York, April 17.—Miss Mattie Bell Quarrier, daughter of the late Archie Quarrier of Louisville, Ky., vice president of the Louisville & Nashville railroad, is dead at the former home of her brother in this city. She was a great beauty and was to have been married April 26 to James V. MacDonald.

Miss Quarrier had been ill with pleurisy, but sufficiently recovered last week to fix the date of her wedding. Sunday in a fit of coughing she burst a blood vessel and death occurred almost immediately.

CREATE PANIC

Free Tickets to a Local Theatre.

FOUR BOYS INJURED

While a Great Rush Was on for Tickets a Boy Cries "Fire."

CAUSING GREAT STAMPEDE

When the Cry of Fire Was Heard the Immense Crowd Rushed Pell Mell Down the Stairs Creating a Panic and Four Boys Were Killed.

Indianapolis, April 17.—Frenzied by a false alarm of fire several hundred newsboys struggling to obtain a share of the free tickets to a local theater, being distributed by a traveling representative of a patent medicine company, stampeded in a narrow stairway in the Masonic temple tonight, crushing the life out of four boys, injuring 26 others, seven seriously.

Long before the time approached for the distribution of the tickets, the stairway was crowded with a pushing, yelling crowd of newsboys. When the distribution began the excitement became more intense and the efforts of several policemen were unavailing. It is alleged that one of the boys in an endeavor to hasten the exit of those who had received passes, shouted "Fire!" Immediately those at the top of the stairs faced about and with almost superhuman strength began to force their way to the bottom of the stairs.

Shrieks and physical encounters followed for a few seconds when from some cause those near the top fell headlong on the struggling mass at the bottom. Four boys were dead when extricated from their position at the bottom of the stairs. Others believed to have been fatally crushed were taken out as fast as they could be disentangled from their frenzied companions, who fought and clung to each other in desperation.

After the injured had been taken away from the scene of death and the crowd left the sidewalk the slight presented by the stairway and walk in front of the door and in the upper hallway was gruesome to the extreme. Blood trickled down the steps. Fragments of flesh and clothing were also strewn here and there. The accident had but little effect on about 40 of the boys who when the excitement was over attended the theater.

COMMISSION MEETS.

Interstate Commerce Commission Adjourns Railroad Rates.

Washington, April 17.—The senate interstate commerce commission met today and began the railway rate investigation. The power to fix rates for private car lines and terminal facilities and other cognate matters will be considered. Since the adjournment of congress petitions for and protests against the Esch-Townsend bill have been received. These were laid before the committee today.

A statement by Senator Morgan was presented and is to be printed as a part of the proceedings. Senator Newlands made a long argument in support of his joint resolution creating the commission to frame a national incorporation act for railways engaged in interstate commerce. The railroad men who have been asked to appear will be heard first and afterwards the men who notified the commission they would like to appear will be heard.

CONTRABAND OF WAR.

Ship Sails from San Francisco With Cargo for Japan.

San Francisco, April 17.—The steamship Manchuria sailed for the orient today with a cargo of 1000 tons of freight, mostly for Japan. The cargo is mostly of a character that would be

considered as contraband of war by the Russians, and consists of not only foodstuffs, but heavy machinery for the railroads and bridges of Manchuria. In view of the possibility of Admiral Rojstvensky defeating Admiral Togo somewhere on the Asiatic coast some anxiety exists regarding the safety of the Manchuria and she will call at Midway islands to receive instructions.

RUSSIAN SQUADRON.

London Papers Are Discussing Neutrality Question.

London, April 17.—In the absence of further information regarding the position of the Russian and Japanese fleets the London morning papers are keenly discussing the neutrality question. The Daily Mail correspondent at Singapore gives a further report from the steamer —Prinz Heinrich Friday, April 14, that two cruisers were scouting outside the bay, while a tug was bringing coilers alongside the warships which were coaling and many boats were transferring provisions to the Russian vessels.

"The Mail's correspondent at Hong Kong reports the steamer North Anglia Friday night encountered a strong fleet of cruisers off Bombay reef, steering south and using searchlights. The North Anglia was unable to distinguish the nationality of the cruisers."

COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION.

Chicago Business Men Arrive at Butte on Special Car.

Butte, April 17.—AMinor special from Billings, Mont., says a delegation of the Chicago Commercial Association, making a tour of the northwest, arrived this morning in a special car. They attended the annual stock meeting at Miles City.

PATTERSON'S TRIAL

Celebrated Murder Case Continued Until Tomorrow.

COURT ROOM WAS CROWDED

It Is Expected That the Third Trial Will Develop Some Features That Were Altogether Lacking in the Last New Evidence Being Secured.

New York, April 17.—The trial of Nan Patterson for the murder of Caesar Young, which was postponed from last Monday, was again postponed today when the case was called in the court of general sessions. The delay this time, however, probably will be only for 24 hours, since the only thing awaiting is the final ruling of Justice Gaynor on a motion asking that District Attorney Jerome be ordered to surrender the papers confiscated when J. Morgan Sittm and his wife were arrested at Cincinnati.

The first trial was interrupted by the illness of a juror, when it was about half finished, and in the second trial the jury was unable to agree. A few days before the date set for the third trial, J. Morgan Smith and his wife, Miss Patterson's sister, who had been sought by the prosecution for months as witnesses against the young woman, were located in Cincinnati. The grand jury indicted them on a charge of conspiracy in connection with the Patterson case and they were arrested and held for extradition. Their refusal to come to New York voluntarily resulted in a postponement of the trial until today. In the meantime the Smiths gave up the fight against extradition, and they are now in the Tombs. Since their return from Cincinnati, it has been said that they may not be called as witnesses after all.

It is expected that the third trial will develop some features that were altogether lacking when the case was in the courts before. Rumors of new witnesses and of promised sensations by both prosecution and the defense were plentiful today.

Jefferson Still Alive.

Palm Beach, Fla., April 17.—Joseph Jefferson is still alive at midnight and seemed to rally somewhat. Dr. Potter, his physician, and some members of the family have retired. It is now thought he will at least live through the night.

JUDAS' PRICE

Beggars Should Not Be Choosers.

GREAT BENEFACTORS

Have Given Money to Christianity Without Questions Being Asked.

REV. PENTECOST'S SERMON

Makes No Difference If Money is Dishonestly Acquired So Long as the Churches Receive it for the Use and for the Glory of God.

New York, April 17.—"There is a moral quality in many. Judas sold the Saviour for 30 pieces of silver. That is \$5.10 in our money. Do you suppose Judas is the only person who has betrayed the Saviour for \$5.10? Every man who takes money from his neighbor without equivalent, is betraying his Master," declared Rev. George F. Pentecost in a sermon at the Madison Avenue Baptist church on the subject of so-called "tainted money."

"Some people," he continued, "ask why need we inquire into the color of money, whether it be clean or dirty, so long as it be given to God, for the altar sanctifies the gift."

"I do not hesitate to say this is the most immoral doctrine I ever heard. We must look at the whole question. There is more in the Bible about money than regeneration or forgiveness. We must ask how God has told us to get money and to use money."

The richest man in the world, Dr. Pentecost declared, has been said to hold from \$500 to \$1,000,000,000.

"He has given," he said, "in charity \$28,500,000 during his life and some people hail him therefore as one of the greatest benefactors of modern times. They have raked over his life with a fine-tooth comb and this is the sum they have discovered he has given. I tell you it is no more for that particular gentleman to have given that enormous sum than it would be for the man with an income of \$5000 a year to give 5 cents a year. 'If the Lord has so prospered him as to give him the high genius, the high integrity to make so great riches, the \$28,500,000 is not benevolence; it is a mere paltry excuse.'"

RETAIL COAL DEALERS.

To Form an Alliance Against Mine Owners and Distributors.

New York, April 17.—A meeting of retail coal dealers throughout the country has been called for this city May 9 to form a defensive alliance against the mine owners and coal distributors.

The avowed purpose of the movement is to develop methods for the quicker delivery of coal by the operators and its better preparation for shipment.

According to some of those interested the retailers claim to have not received fair treatment of late at the hands of the shippers, because of which many small dealers and a few large ones have been forced out of business.

It is said the new association will not attempt to regulate prices beyond trying to secure lower freight rates concessions from the carrying roads.

HEALTH IN CHICAGO.

Large Decrease in the Annual Death Rate of the City.

Chicago, April 17.—In closing his ten-year service as commissioner of health for the city of Chicago, Dr. Arthur R. Reynolds presents in his annual report significant data showing the decrease of the death rate in the city.

During the ten years from 1885 to 1894 inclusive, the yearly average rate of death was 20.92 in every 1000 of population.

During the succeeding ten years the rate decreased to 15.1 in every 1000 of

population. This means that there were 25,024 fewer deaths during the last decade than there would have been if the death rate had not fallen below that of the preceding ten years.

PERU WILL FIGHT.

Securing Arms and Ammunition to Fight Brazil.

New York, April 17.—Assertions are made by the Journal of Commerce, says a Herald dispatch from Rio de Janeiro, that Peru is making great military preparations against Brazil or Chile. The government has bought 30,000 rifles in Austrance, 9000 in Germany and three armed cruisers in Italy, the paper declares.

It is also said that the Peruvian government is about to adopt compulsory military service. The Peruvian government denies these statements.

GUS WILLIAMS KILLED.

Jumped Off a Train to Get His Hat and Is Run Over.

Tacoma, April 17.—In leaping from an outbound interurban train this afternoon in an effort to save his hat, which had blown off Gus Williams, a chef employed at the Raymond hotel, jumped directly in front of an incoming train, sustaining injuries from which he died a few hours later.

Nothing is known as to his relatives as Williams came to Tacoma only a few months ago.

GARDNER KNOCKED OUT.

Mike Schreck Wins Twenty-Round Fight at Salt Lake.

Salt Lake, April 17.—Mike Schreck of Cincinnati knocked out George Gardner of Lowell, Mass., in the latter part of the 20th round of a furious 20-round contest tonight.

ROCKMEN TO STRIKE

Unless New Wage Scale Asked for is Granted.

25,000 MEN WILL BE INVOLVED

A Similar Strike Was Inaugurated Two Years Ago But the Strike Was Lost and the Union Broken Up—They Are Strong Numerically Now.

New York, April 17.—Union Rockmen and excavators in this city have decided to tie up all work in their line May 1 unless a demand for a new wage schedule is granted before that date. Men to the number of about 26,000 will be involved. The demands are for 25 cents an hour for rockmen, with 30 cents an hour for overtime and 20 cents an hour for excavators. Notice of the desired change was served on the contractors two months ago, but no reply has been received.

The present wages of the rockmen is \$2.25 a day and they work 9 and 10 hours. The objection of the employers to the terms is mainly against signing an agreement and thereby recognizing a union of unskilled men.

A similar strike of those workmen in the building industry occurred about two years ago. The men remained idle some time and were beaten. Their union was broken up then but has been reorganized on new lines and its officials declare they have now no fear of failure to enforce the demands.

MURDERED BY SIWASHES.

Walter Taylor of Vancouver Killed by Natives.

Vancouver, B. C., April 17.—Murdered by Siwashes in the vicinity of Shoal bay is believed to have been the fate of Walter Taylor, who disappeared five weeks ago. Residents up the coast in the logging camp center think Taylor was killed by the natives in revenge for little mistakes alleged to have been made in dealing with the Indians.

An Aged Veteran.

Utica, N. Y., April 17.—Hiram Cronk of the town of Ava, the only survivor of the year of 1812, will celebrate his 105th birthday Wednesday next. The aged veteran lives with his daughter on a farm near Ava. He enjoys splendid health for a man of such years, and his faculties are as keen as those of many persons half his age.